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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETRIEVING DIGITAL VIDEO USING SUCCESSIVE LINEAR APPROXIMATION

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(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

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